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ASSISTANCE TO TOGO

Note by the Administrator

I. BACKGROUND

1. The second extension of the fourth country programme for Togo was approved by the Governing Council in its decision 93/20 of its 18 June 1993 session.

2. As a result of the rather fluid socio-political situation prevailing in the country since the start of the democratization process in 1990 and persisting political and economic difficulties resulting in deteriorating human development indicators, it has not been feasible to proceed with the preparation of the fifth cycle country programme.

3. Therefore, the Government has requested additional time to permit the restarting of the round-table process in view of the mobilization and coordination of external resources required to relaunch the economy. The Government also plans to gather the economic and social partners in a national meeting on the economy before the donors' round-table conference, which will provide the framework for UNDP support through the fifth country programme.

4. Consequently, UNDP proposes to provide assistance on a case-by-case basis until the formulation of the new country programme which the Government has already indicated should focus essentially on poverty alleviation. The 1994 extension consequently will have two principal objectives: (a) formulation of a programme of social promotion and poverty alleviation and (b) strengthening of national macroeconomic management capacities and resource mobilization.

5. During 1994, UNDP assistance will thus continue to focus on support to priorities as defined by the Government through further rationalizing of ongoing projects in preparation of programme approach modalities and increased use of

the national execution potentialities. UNDP will also continue supporting the transition process and assist the Government with the preparations for the round-table conference.

II. EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

6. In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to

Authorize the Administrator to approve assistance to Togo on a case-by-case basis within the financial limitations of its established indicative planning figure framework.

The Administrator assures the Board that the situation will be reviewed on a continuing basis and that regular country programming will be resumed as soon as conditions permit.